

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~XXXX~~ CH-978

Address: 9230 Chapel Point Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Bel Alton

Owner: Maynard, Gary J and Linda S

Tax Parcel Number: 159 Tax Map Number: 64

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

9230 Chapel Point Road is a farm complex consisting of a dwelling and a large barn. The dwelling is a two-story, three-bay wide residence with a side gable roof. A one-story, side gable roof addition is attached to the south elevation. A one-story porch covered by a half-hipped roof extends across almost the full width the main elevation (west). The porch is supported by simple wood posts with decorative brackets. A small cross gable dormer, articulated by fishscale shingles and a semi-circular window is centered on the façade. This dormer is mimicked, with the exception of the fishscale shingles, on the side addition. The main entrance is centralized and is flanked by paired 1/1 double hung, sash windows. The barn is two stories in height and has a standing seam metal, side gable roof. The barn is clad in vertical wood siding.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Date

Reviewer, NR Program

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during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1890, this Queen Anne-style house and wood frame barn are not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of the residential and agricultural development surrounding U.S. 301, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Twinberry Rd.  
(Charles  
County)

CH-981  
9260 Chapel  
Point Rd. (CH)

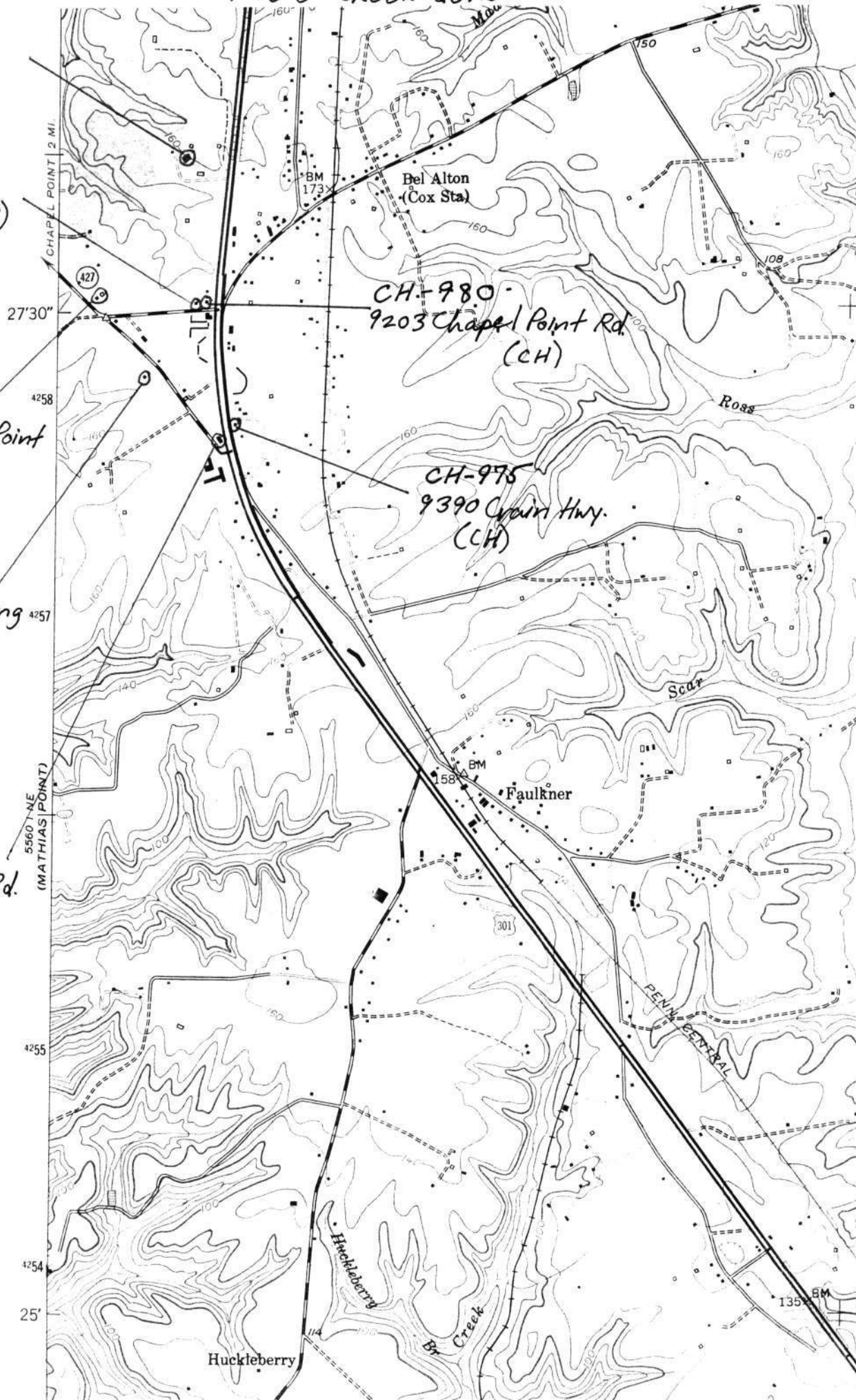
CH-978  
9230 chapel Point  
Rd. (CH)

CH-960  
9345 Irving  
Rd. (CH)

CH-961  
9410 Irving Rd.  
(CH)

CH-980  
9203 Chapel Point Rd.  
(CH)

CH-975  
9390 Chapel Hwy.  
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View of West elevation

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View looking northeast

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